

IN THE CLAIMS

1.-53. (canceled)

54. (Currently amended) A method for using voice commands to insert a textual phrase into a section of an ultrasound examination report, the method comprising:

- (a) receiving a voiced command from a voice input device of an ultrasound imaging system to insert a textual phrase into a section of an ultrasound examination report;
- (b) with the ultrasound imaging system, identifying a set of textual phrases associated with the section;
- (c) with the ultrasound imaging system, converting the received voiced command into a textual phrase selected from the set of textual phrases identified in (b); and
- (d) with the ultrasound imaging system, inserting the textual phrase selected in (c) into the section.

55. (original) The method of Claim 54 further comprising receiving a voiced request to create an ultrasound examination report, the ultrasound examination report comprising a plurality of sections associated with a respective set of textual phrases.

56. (original) The method of Claim 54 further comprising automatically displaying a set of available voice commands associated with the section.

57. (original) The method of Claim 54 further comprising:

- (e) receiving a voiced request for a display of a set of available voice commands

associated with the section; and

(f) displaying the set of available voice commands associated with the section in response to the voiced request received in (e).

58. (original) The method of Claim 54, wherein (a) comprises receiving a voiced command to insert a textual phrase into a section of an ultrasound examination report displayed on an ultrasound imaging system.

59. (original) The method of Claim 54, wherein (a) comprises receiving a voiced command to insert a textual phrase into a section of an ultrasound examination report displayed on an ultrasound review station.

60. (original) The method of Claim 54 further comprising:

(e) receiving a voiced request to insert an image into a section of the ultrasound examination report; and
(f) inserting the image into the ultrasound examination report in response to the voiced request received in (e).

61. (original) The method of Claim 54 further comprising:

(e) receiving a voiced request to edit a section of the ultrasound examination report;
and
(f) editing the section of the ultrasound examination report in response to the voiced request received in (e).

62. (Currently amended) A method for using voice commands to insert a textual phrase into a section of an ultrasound examination report, the method comprising:

- (a) receiving a voiced command from a voice input device of an ultrasound review station to insert a textual phrase into a section of an ultrasound examination report;
- (b) with the ultrasound review station, identifying a set of textual phrases associated with the section;
- (c) with the ultrasound review station, converting the received voiced command into a textual phrase selected from the set of textual phrases identified in (b); and
- (d) with the ultrasound review station, inserting the textual phrase selected in (c) into the section.

63. (original) The method of Claim 62 further comprising receiving a voiced request to create an ultrasound examination report, the ultrasound examination report comprising a plurality of sections associated with a respective set of textual phrases.

64. (original) The method of Claim 62 further comprising automatically displaying a set of available voice commands associated with the section.

65. (original) The method of Claim 62 further comprising:

- (e) receiving a voiced request for a display of a set of available voice commands associated with the section; and
- (f) displaying the set of available voice commands associated with the section in response to the voiced request received in (e).

66. (original) The method of Claim 62, wherein (a) comprises receiving a voiced command to insert a textual phrase into a section of an ultrasound examination report displayed on an ultrasound imaging system.

67. (original) The method of Claim 62, wherein (a) comprises receiving a voiced command to insert a textual phrase into a section of an ultrasound examination report displayed on an ultrasound review station.

68. (original) The method of Claim 62 further comprising:

(e) receiving a voiced request to insert an image into a section of the ultrasound examination report; and

(f) inserting the image into the ultrasound examination report in response to the voiced request received in (e).

69. (original) The method of Claim 62 further comprising:

(e) receiving a voiced request to edit a section of the ultrasound examination report; and

(f) editing the section of the ultrasound examination report in response to the voiced request received in (e).

70.- 99. (canceled)

100. (Previously presented) A method for inserting text into an ultrasound examination report on an ultrasound imaging system, the method comprising:

- (a) receiving a voice signal from a voice input device of an ultrasound imaging system;
- (b) with the ultrasound imaging system, converting the voice signal into text; and
- (c) with the ultrasound imaging system, inserting the text into an ultrasound examination report.

101. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 100, wherein (b) comprises converting the voice signal into text using a voice recognition unit of the ultrasound imaging system.

102. (Previously presented) An ultrasound imaging system comprising:

a voice input device; and

a voice recognition unit coupled with the voice input device, the voice recognition unit being operative to convert a voice signal received from the voice input device into text.

103. (Previously presented) The invention of Claim 102, wherein the voice recognition unit is further operative to provide the text to an ultrasound examination report.

104. (Previously presented) The invention of Claim 102 further comprising a processor coupled with the voice input device, wherein the voice recognition unit is implemented with the processor.

105. (Previously presented) The invention of Claim 102 further comprising a processor coupled with the voice input device and the voice recognition unit.

106. (Previously presented) A method for inserting text into an ultrasound examination report on an ultrasound review station, the method comprising:

- (a) receiving a voice signal from a voice input device of an ultrasound review station;
- (b) with the ultrasound review station, converting the voice signal into text; and
- (c) with the ultrasound review station, inserting the text into an ultrasound examination report.

107. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 106, wherein (b) comprises converting the voice signal into text using a voice recognition unit of the ultrasound review station.

108. (Previously presented) An ultrasound review station comprising:

a voice input device; and

a voice recognition unit coupled with the voice input device, the voice recognition unit being operative to convert a voice signal received from the voice input device into text.

109. (Previously presented) The invention of Claim 108, wherein the voice recognition unit is further operative to provide the text to an ultrasound examination report.

110. (Previously presented) The invention of Claim 108 further comprising a processor coupled with the voice input device, wherein the voice recognition unit is implemented with the processor.

111. (Previously presented) The invention of Claim 108 further comprising a processor coupled with the voice input device and the voice recognition unit.